

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH—NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE FRESHEST
LOCAL MENTIONMatters Personal and General in
and Around Portsmouth.

HEARD ON THE STREETS

Gossip and Events in Which Our People
are Interested, Chronicled in Concise
Form—A Daily Diary of Happenings
Presented to Our Readers Fresh Every
Morning—Snap Shots of Our Busy City.

The ferry-boat Twin City is put on the line after 10 o'clock at night now, relieving the other two boats.

Mr. Meltzer Diggs, an engineer on the Seaboard Air Line, had a narrow escape yesterday. When coming out the toolhouse at the roundhouse a door came off the hinges and fell on him, knocking him senseless for the time being, besides cutting a long gash on his head. After the wound was dressed he went out on his trip.

The schools will close to-day until Wednesday next. The children are happy over the result.

Hot cross buns will be in demand tomorrow. The bakers expect a big business in that line.

A slight fire occurred Tuesday night on the corner of Columbia and Effingham streets. It was put out without turning in an alarm.

The Council will create a Bureau of Vital Statistics, but the clerk will not be allowed.

A white man was fined \$10 in the Mayor's Court yesterday for disorderly conduct.

Mr. James Meecham, from Austin, Tex., was in the city yesterday on business connected with a cotton firm.

The Portsmouth Gun Club will shoot at live pigeons at Columbia Park this afternoon.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Williamson Smith, which he announces himself as a candidate for re-election as Sheriff of the city.

Holy Thursday.

This is the last borrowing day.

Monday the moon will be full, and unless we have a cold snap then, we are not likely to have any.

An examination of applicants for the position of sub-inspector of brick and steel construction work in the department of yards and docks will be held at the city hall, April 26th. The position pays \$4 a day.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the funeral of Mr. John Smith took place from the Churchland Baptist Church. It was largely attended.

Mr. David M. Etheridge is confined to his residence with a severe attack of the grip.

Our townsman, Mr. M. A. Irwin, now a student at St. Mary's College, North Carolina, will on June 10th be ordained as a priest of the Catholic Church.

The Flyways, a juvenile baseball club, organized yesterday. The boys average thirteen years of age, and they challenge any club of that age in the city.

A grocery wagon yesterday ran over Mr. Jacob's pet dog. R lively war of words took place between the gentleman and the driver, the latter finally receiving a blow in the face.

Mr. Jesse C. Diggs was elected a member of the Police force as a substitute by the Board of Police Commissioners last night.

The rehearsal of "Princess Bowline" last night was one of the very finest yet held.

Not an item of any kind could be gathered last night at any of the County Magistrate's offices or at the Norfolk county jail.

A political pot is beginning to boil in this city with greater vigor. As the time for the primary approaches, the candidates are increasing their energy, and using more persuasive powers.

The entertainment to be given by the Daughters of America at I. O. O. F. Hall on Monday April 16, has been postponed to May 7th at 8 o'clock, at the above place.

Mr. Joseph M. Hatton announces in this issue that he is a candidate for the position of City Sergeant, subject to the decision of the coming Democratic primary.

Today is Holy Thursday and tomorrow Good Friday, both will be observed in the Catholic and Episcopal churches.

The alarm of fires yesterday afternoon at 6:45 from boxes 62 and 64 sent the entire fire department to the corner of High and Chestnut streets. Harts and Watts Mill. The services of the department were not needed. The boiler of the mill became heated, throwing out a great quantity of sparks.

There was to have been a meeting of the City Democratic Committee last night, but as no quorum appeared there was no meeting. Those present were Messrs. J. L. Codd, M. L. Hunt, C. C. Walker, James Powell, S. W. Nee-meyer, Messrs. John L. Watson and W. C. Nash arrived a few minutes late.

A cheap horse is advertised for sale. See ad.

Several milliners are wanted at Brown's Bazaar.

The funeral of Mrs. Katie Guy will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Friends Church.

A couple of drunks found shelter in the station house last night.

Churchland Lodge will be visited this afternoon by a number of Pythians from this city.

Weather permitting the Portsmouth Gun Club will have its regular weekly shoot at Columbia Park this afternoon.

Mr. Victor Hutcheson, of Scottsville, is confined to his home by sickness.

Miss Mabel Carey, of Baltimore, arrived in the city yesterday to visit friends and relatives. She will remain until the 15th of May.

A gentleman talking yesterday about the growth of the membership of the Port Norfolk Methodist Church, said that it would not be long before a large house of worship would be an absolute necessity.

This is For You.

Special offers to get a home to navy-yard and railroad men who cannot afford to pay cash for a lot. Or any one who really wants a home. If you want a lot or any property we have it. Call or address us for terms.

THE SEABOARD REAL ESTATE COMPANY.

Room 201, No. 214 High street.

For Easter plants go to 327 High street, Harris, the florist. ap8-1w

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A Letter in Reference to the Assessment of Candidates.

Portsmouth, Va., April 11, 1900.

Editor Virginian-Pilot:

Why should the Democratic Executive Committee assess the various candidates two to three times as much as the primary will cost?

Do they reflect that such action may debar many a poor worthy Democrat from entering the race?

Do they think that such action will be approved by the masses of the Democratic voters?

Why should 40 or 50 Democrats, who aspire to office in the coming primary, be made to pay the campaign expenses of the Democratic party in the National election next fall?

The writer understands the matter, the object of the committee was to raise a surplus beyond the necessary expenses of the primary sufficient to manage the affairs of the party in the fall campaign. Why not raise this surplus revenue from those in the party who receive the emoluments of office, and not attempt to saddle the entire expenses of the party on a few people who aspire to local office?

The best information I can procure places the probable total cost of the primary at \$400 to \$450; and yet, if every candidate who has announced himself pays the assessment as demanded by the committee for the privilege of running for the office he seeks, the committee will collect from \$1,000 to \$1,200, more than twice the amount needed for conducting the primary.

Now, gentlemen of the committee, if you do not meet at once and rectify this matter you may debar some worthy men whom the people may prefer and, to say the least, you will sow seeds of discontent that may injure the party in the fall campaign for more than your unjust assessment will benefit it.

DEMOCRAT.

COUNTY WILL PAY UP.

The Board of Supervisors have instructed Mr. S. W. Lyons, treasurer of Norfolk county, to pay over to Messrs. Gill and Thomas the one-half amount due them under the award made by the appraisers on the ferry property. He was also instructed to pay Mr. Charles R. Nash the one-half due by the county to him for his property recently purchased for ferry purposes, and to pay the lessees their half for the wharf property adjoining the ferry.

The board claims that they have saved interest and a large cost that would have to be paid if the matter is carried to the court.

The city has not paid either of these amounts, and thus far has made no arrangements to do so.

COURT STREET B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. of Court Street Baptist Church will give a musical and literary entertainment to-night at 8:15 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Irene Thurlow Etheridge, No. 1006 Washington street. Ice cream will be sold after the musicale.

The following program will be rendered:

Piano Duet—Mrs. Irene Etheridge and Miss Sophie Peele.

Solo—Miss Flo Martin.

Reading—Mr. Wormsley.

Baritone Solo—Mr. John Drew, Norfolk.

Duet (selected)—Mrs. Wm. H. Dashiell and Miss Flo Martin.

Reading—Mr. Wormsley.

REBEKAH LODGE ENTERTAINS.

At the close of the regular meeting of Martha Washington Rebekah Lodge, held in Old Dominion Lodge room, Middle street, last night, the members entertained the ladies and gentlemen of the class of "Ye District Skole." Mr. C. R. Cherry gave some pleasant selections with his graphophone. Messrs. Oliver and Thom, of the torpedo boat Porter, and Mr. S. Pope furnished good music on the banjo, guitar and violin, and cream and cake was furnished by the ladies. A pleasant evening was spent. At a late hour the meeting adjourned, wishing the Rebekah Lodge of Portsmouth success and prosperity.

REAL ESTATE CHANGES.

The following deeds were admitted to record in the clerk's office of the Hustings Court yesterday:

R. H. Parker to Emma L. Parker, house and lot north side of North street, between Middle and Crawford streets; gift.

W. S. Morton and wife to E. L. Dashiell, lot on south side of Stone-wall street, 255 feet east of Chestnut, \$300.

Home Permanent Building Association to Mary F. Bassett, lot with appurtenances north side of Henry street, 95 feet west of Sixth, \$900.

QUIET MARRIAGE.

A very quiet marriage was celebrated last night at the residence of Mrs. Jolliff, on Green street, near County. The contracting parties were Miss Ida Jolliff and Mr. Harry Wilson, an engineer on the Seaboard Air Line, who is employed at Abbeville, S.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Beadles in the presence of a few intimate friends. After the ceremony was over they were driven to the Seaboard Air Line train, which they took for their new home.

EVENTS TO-DAY.

Portsmouth Rifles, Virginia Volunteers.

Stephen C. Rowan Association, Naval Veterans.

Farragut Post, No. 1, G. A. R. Atlantic Lodge, No. 24, K. of P. Portsmouth Council, No. 227, R. A. John W. Daniel Club, Political.

Grady Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F. Peabody Council, No. 106, Jr. O. U. A. M.

Churchland Lodge, K. P. Oyster Roast.

THE JOHN DANIEL CLUB.

To-night at the club-rooms of that popular political organization, the John W. Daniel Club of the Fourth Ward, an evening of pleasure will be spent.

The club will throw open its doors to all Democrats of the ward, and the candidates for the different positions to be voted for in the primary have all been invited to be present and enjoy the hospitality of the club.

Refreshments will be served, and the club and its invited guests will in all probability be entertained by speeches, songs and stories by several of the candidates and several who are not candidates.

Nervous Headache Cured.

Speedily. No danger by Hick's Capudine. 15 and 25c. at drug stores.

Chas. R. Welton & Co. have removed to 208 High street, Noah's Ark's old stand.

THE EMORY FIRE
WAS INCENDIARYSo Says the Board of Police
and Fire Commissioners.

MATTER FOR GRAND JURY

Many Witnesses Testify. And the General

Belief Was That the Fire Was the Work of a Fire Bug, as Oil Cans Were Discovered Sitting in the Middle of the Floor—The Mayor Recognizes the Witnesses to Appear Before the Grand Jury to Tell What They Know.

A special session of the Board of Police Commissioners was held last night, with the following members present: Hon. J. T. Baird, president; Dr. L. A. Bilsby, R. E. Taylor, James O. Shannon and J. W. Johnson.

The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called to investigate the fire at West and Emory's bar, on Water street, near Glasgow street, on the morning of April 3d at 1:15 o'clock.

MANY WITNESSES TESTIFY.

The first witness was Chief Engineer Wiersdorf, who testified to answering the alarm. When he arrived there he found the north side of the house all on fire and fire under stairway.

Mr. Thomas Hume was the next witness, who stated that he turned in the alarm and waited until the engine arrived. After the fire he went in the building, saw quite a number looking for a drink; there was not more than \$10 worth of stuff in the building except the piano.

Mr. Henry Roble stated that he reached there soon after the fire broke out. He was in the building; saw everything in a state of confusion. The fire started in the middle room. There were two empty oil cans in the middle of the floor. He did not believe that the stock was worth over \$10.

Mr. Lee Vaughan testified to about the same as Mr. Roble and Officer Broughton.

Deputy Sheriff Abbott said that there was little or no stock in the building.

WHAT MR. WEST SAID.

Mr. West, one of the proprietors, was called, and testified to being one of the owners of the place, but being uneducated he knew but little of the business. He only stayed there nights. He had no idea of what the stock was worth. He, in company with Mr. Emory, left the store soon after 12 o'clock on the morning of April 3d and walked down Glasgow street. Before they left they saw a man walk over to the bar and act suspiciously. They got home about 1:30, and near 4 o'clock was informed of the fire; came down; saw some loose tobacco lying near a window; thinks that the place was robbed and then set on fire.

MR. EMORY EXPLAINS.

Mr. R. H. Emory, the other proprietor, was examined and said that their stock was worth \$600, but that he would not have sold the same for \$700. He had \$600 insurance on the same with Claud Bros.

His statement about leaving the store was about the same as Mr. West's. He described the amount of stuff there, including a piano, which he valued at \$250, and with that the board could not make his stock over \$370. He claimed to have had ten kegs of liquor and three kegs of beer; besides many bottles on the shelves.

HIS STATEMENTS VARIED.

The gentlemen who testified, including Officer Broughton, could not agree with his. His statements varied considerably. He said his license would expire May 1st and that he had made application for a license on London street extended.

A negro named Sam Bailey testified that he slept over the bar and was employed in the bar to attend to "crap" games. He went to bed after West and Emory left and saw no fire then.

Joe Rockefeller, who is also employed there, said he was asleep and had to jump out of a window.

A negro woman who is employed as a piano player said that she was awakened from sleep and had to be taken out of a window. This closed the evidence.

COURTS TO SETTLE IT.

The room was cleared and the board then deliberated on the case. They first decided that the fire was incendiary and that L. O. West and H. R. Emory, the proprietors, be sent before and grand jury for investigation and the witnesses recognized to appear.

It was testified to that five gallons of oil was received the day that the fire occurred, and that there was about two gallons there then.

Officer Broughton said that when he saw the cans that they were empty, and that there was a strong smell of oil in the building when it was burning.

LATEST NAVAL NEWS.

Lieutenant P. J. Ryan's sick leave is extended one month.

Assistant Naval Constructor D. H. Cox is detached from the New York navy-yard and ordered to duty as superintendent of shipbuilding at Baltimore and Wilmington.

Lieutenant R. C. Smith is detached from inspection duty and ordered to the Asiatic station.

Captain J. G. Green is detached as commandant of the naval station at Havana and ordered to await orders.

Lieutenant-Commander L. Young is ordered to additional duty as commandant of the naval station at Havana.

Lieutenant R. B. Higgins is ordered to duty at Thurlow, Pa.

[Communicated.]

ABOUT THE FERRY.

The ferry lessees have again changed the running of the ferry boats after 10 p. m., and have taken from the route the City of Portsmouth and put on the Twin City, which is totally inadequate to the demands upon it at the hour named. It was supposed when the present lessees took hold that the facilities would be increased instead of diminished, but it does not seem to be the case. They certainly knew when they took hold what it would cost to run the ferry and it looks as if they have found they had made a mistake, and are trying to remedy it at the expense of the comforts and rights of the public. How long the people will stand this sort of thing remains to be seen.

F. L. M.

ABOUT OUR CHILDREN.

THOSE WHO HAVE WON DISTINCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR MARCH.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Class of 1900—Augusta Maupin, Jau-line Williams.

Class of 1902—Lester Markham, Hunter Porter, Foster Staples, Susie Porter.

Class of 1903—Ethel Partin, Annie Pagan.

Class of 1904—Samuel Saunders.

Second Intermediate—Elta Curling, Fannie Rosenthal, Mary Maupin, Lucile Saunders.

First Intermediate—Jennie Mitchell, Nancy Nash.

Third Primary—Nannie Cross, Raymond Dempsey, Ethel Fitchett, Fannie Manning, Carrie Kay, Adele Walker, Cecile White, Cloyd Emmerson.

Fourth Primary—Carroll Roane, Harry Lash, Thurman Gaskins, John Cain, Ray White, Addie Bennett, Elsie Gay, Hazel Lawrence.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Third Grammar—Linda Willoughby, Binford Saddle.

Second Grammar—Leone Hutt, Inez Robertson.

First Grammar—Kittie Barrett.

Second Intermediate—Rosa Esleeck, Annie Myers.

First Intermediate—Addie Butt, Nonie Hoffer, Bettie Hudgins, Lelia Tatem, Brooke Hutt, Frank McLean, Genevieve Ballance, Carrie Cumming, Wilmer Thomas.

Third Primary—Clyde Roane, Hazel Calvert, Annie Lewis, Virgie Armstrong, George Linton.

Second Primary—Bertha Morris, Maria Myers, Esther Hirsch.

First Primary—James Black, Julia Bowers, Ethel Myers, Elsie Ross, Mary Mountcastle, Aggie Linton, Mary Murdoch.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Second Grammar—Wilson Pendleton.

First Grammar—Cecile Williams.

Second Intermediate—Agnes Earst, Grace Hudgins, Margaret Van Patten, Mary Williams, Rubie Williams, Louise Watson.

First Intermediate—Marion Atkinson, Linda Bain, Louise Hudgins, Agnes Manning, Roselyn Moseley, Addie Watson, Ashton Porter.

Third Primary—James Harrell, Vance Ennes, Netta Wyatt, Mattie Davis, Lucille Robinson, Josephine Wall.

Second Primary—Grisie Herwood, Grace Codd, Maguerite Dongan, Lucy Locke, Mary Murry, Eva Tabb, Maggie Tabb.

First Primary—Maywood Lawrence, Vance Owens, George Terry, Clara Porter, Lucy Woodley, Sallie Browne, Walter Clark.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Third Grammar—Ethel Driver, Lorena Moseley.

Second Grammar—Martha Wright, Lilla Crump, Hattie White, Eldora Hall, Marie Riddick.

First Grammar—Mary Smith.

Second Intermediate—Bessie Sanford.

Third Primary—Wesley Fagan, Bessie Brown, Blanche Driver, Anna Anderson, Janie Nash.

Second Primary—Mary Johnson, Selena Dowdy, Lennie Mathews, Jacob Holland, Kate Cunningham, Mary Archer, Josephine Gains, Evelyn Hunter.

First Primary—Edna Bell, Ida Hunt, Ophelia Johnson, James Smith, Alfred Chisholm.

MATHEMATICAL EXPERTS.

The following pupils deserve mention for excellency in mathematics in the Second District. On April 1 their rank in class is as indicated:

Class of 1900—1, Thomas Nash; 2, Mary Herbert; 3, Augusta Maupin; 4, Pauline Williams, Vernon Brooks.

Class of 1901—1, Charles Barrett; 2, John Cunningham, William Trant; 4, El-mira Noyes, Maude Day; 6, H. C. Culpepper, Jr.

Class of 1902—1, Foster Staples; 2, Martha Helen Culpepper, Minnie T. Schler, Hunter Porter; 5, James Thompson; 6, Leigh Powell, Lottie Lee Bailey.

Class of 1903—1, Christopher Morse; 2, Eva Whitest; 3, Ethel Partin; 4, Annie Pruden; 5, Lottie Peele; 6, Lelia Deane; 7, Hazel Blick; 8, May Barrett; 9, George Jamieson, Jeanette White.

Class of 1904—1, Louis Porter; 2, Mary Williams; 3, Hilda White; 4, S. Anderson, Raymond Jack; 6, S. Saunders, Margaret Thorne.

Class of 1905—1, Raymond Rogers; 2, John Powell; 3, Ellis Moore; 4, Florence Peele; 5, Annie White; 6, Earle Van Patten.

Class of 1906—1, Jennie Mitchell; 2, Lee Stander; 3, Clifton Kitchen; 4, Fannie Jacobson; 5, Herbert Green; 6, Ned Schlossberg, Mollie Mitchell; 9, Winfred White, Rosa Wilkerson, Hattie Parker.

Class of 1906 (second division)—1, Herbert Moseley; 2, Willie Davis; 3, Clay King.

Class of 1907 (first division)—1, Bessie Bangle; 2, Lucile Saunders.

Class of 1907 (second division)—1, Ad-
die Hodges; 2, Bessie Jacobson; 3, James Manning; 4, Fannie Rosenthal; 5, Anette Diggs; 6, Lizzie White.

Class of 1909—1, George Wonycutt; 2, Bertha Emmerson; 3, Mary Nash.

Class of 1909—1, French Day; 2, Ray-
mond Dempsey; 3, Iona Johnson.

Class of 1909—1, John Goodman; 2, Frances Karsboom; 3, Frank Robertson; 4, Ethel Montague; 5, Fannie Man-
ning, Adele Walker.

Class of 1910—1, Moses Goodman; 2, William White.

Class of 1911—1, Carroll Roane; 2, Truman Gaskins; 3, Harry Lash; 4, John Cain; 5, Thurlow Etheridge; 6, Emma Johnson; 7, Sue Barron Emmer-
son.

MACHINISTS OPEN MEETING.

The meeting of machinists at Rosen-
baum's Hall last night, under the
auspices of Portsmouth Lodge, No. 441,
International Association of Machinists
of this city, was a decided success.

This was an open meeting, to which
all machinists of this city and those
who attended were amply repaid for the
time spent.

Good speeches were made, and they
were all laden with excellent advice
and counsel, much information of a
valuable kind being given. It was a
very interesting assembly indeed.

For hyacinths, carnations and Easter
flowers go to 327 High street, Harris,
the florist. ap8-1w

DIED.

GUY.—At the residence of husband, No. 513 Duke street, Brighton, near Ports-mouth, Va., April 10th, 1900, at 11 o'clock a. m., KATIE J. GUY, wife of I. I. Guy, aged 35 years, 4 months.

Funeral services at the Friends' Church, Green street, THIS (Thursday) AFTER-
NOON at 2:30 o'clock. Friends and ac-
quaint